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CONFERENCES THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

This is one of the busiest years for the National Christian Council and its associated departments as preparations for the World-wide and Asia-wide conferences of the summer move into the final stages. Largest of the Conferences is the 14th World Convention on Christian Education scheduled for Tokyo August 6-13. Attendance at this meeting will be from 70 countries and is expected to reach 6000.

Before and after the Christian Education Convention there will be other meetings of great importance to the promotion of the work of the world church. They are: The World Institute on Christian Education, July 19-August 1, at Kobe College and Seiwa Girls' College; Asia Conference on Mass Communication, August 2-6, AVACO, Tokyo; Asian Youth Consultation Conference, August 2-6, International Christian University, Tokyo; and the East Asia Christian Literature Conference, August 16-21, Sanmaiso Hotel, Hakone, near Tokyo.

14TH WORLD CONVENTION ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

An outstanding array of speakers has been secured for the evening plenary sessions on the theme: "Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life". Bishop Otto Dibelius of Germany will speak on "Totalitarian Youth Training-'A Challenge to the Church'", on August 7 at 7 p.m. at the Sendagaya Stadium where all the mass meetings are scheduled to be held. Bishop Shot K. Mondol will speak on "The Sunday School and the Church" on Asia night; Dr. G. Baez Camargo of Latin America will have the subject "A Theology of Christian Education"; Professor C. Baeta of Africa will have the topic "Christian Education in the Midst of a World Revolution"; The South Pacific area will be represented by Rev. John Havea on "The Living Christ at Dawn in the Pacific"; and on the final evening Dr. Gerald Knoff of the United States will speak on the subject "Evangelism Through Christian Education". The first evening of the Convention will be given over to the Japan Committee for an official "Welcome Night". Saturday afternoon will witness a huge Children's Church School Rally and Sunday night--midway in the Convention--is "Youth Night" with testimonies from outstanding Christian youth around the world.

Aoyama-Gakuin University is the scene of this great conclave and will provide Section Assembly Halls for the five division study groups on these topics during the mornings: 1) Children's Work, 2) Youth Work, 3) Adult Work and the Christian Home, 4) General Christian Education and 5) The Christian Responsibility of the Layman. Also at Aoyama Gakuin will be demonstrations of audio-visual aids and other materials and exhibits from around the world.

Immediately following the Convention deputation teams will visit 12 areas of Japan and seek to bring the values of the Convention to the local scene.

THE WORLD INSTITUTE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Outstanding Christian educators from around the world will provide leadership to the select group of 240 at the Institute in Kobe for two weeks. Dr. Paul H. Veith of Yale Divinity School will be the Dean; Dean E. Homrighausen of the Princeton Theological Seminary, the Rev. Nelson Chappel of the World Office of Christian Education, Miss MacDougall Ferguson of Britain, Rev. E. Jung, Switzerland, Dr. H. Mould, U. S. A., and Miss O. Simmons, Burma will be the resource leaders in the six commission studies which will be on the following topics: children's work, youth work, Christian education in the home, leadership training, Christian education in Theological education and evangelism through Christian education.

The regional groups represented will be Africa, Australasia, British Isles, North America, North Europe, South Europe, Latin America, Middle East, Southeast Asia (Burma to Korea) and Southern Asia (India, Pakistan, Ceylon).

Membership of Japanese based personnel is limited to twelve besides staff. There will be four from the United Church of Christ --two Japanese and two missionaries-- and eight from the remaining denominational groups in Japan.

ASIA CONFERENCE ON MASS COMMUNICATION

The Rev. Mr. Vern Rossman, secretary of the planning committee for this conference, says there will be five working groups which will give detailed study to various aspects of mass communication and prepare actions to be taken up by the whole conference in the closing session. The five areas of study will be 1) Radio and TV, 2) Projected Materials, 3) Non-projected materials, 4) Leadership Training, and 5) Coordination, Strategy and Relationships.

The countries invited to be represented at the conference with from two to eight delegates and one observer each are: Burma, Ceylon, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaya, Okinawa, East and West Pakistan, the Philippines, Taiwan and Thailand. From fifty to seventy delegates are expected.

The Rev. W. Burton Martin, Chairman of RAVEMCCO and Co-chairman of the World Committee on Christian Broadcasting will give the key-note address on Saturday morning, August 2 at AVACO headquarters in Tokyo. Other overseas leaders who have been invited as observers or in other special capacities are: Edwin M. Luidens, Executive Secretary of RAVEMCCO; U Kyay Than, East Asia Secretariat of the WCC/IMC; Arthur Lomas, AV Secretary of the WCCE, British Office; David Lomax, Executive Secretary of the British Overseas AV Centre; Floyd Shacklock, Executive Secretary of the Committee on Literature and Literacy of the Division of Foreign Missions, NCCC-USA; and Pastor H. W. von Meyenn, Co-chairman of the World Committee for Christian Broadcasting (Germany).

ASIAN YOUTH CONSULTATION CONFERENCE

Miss Epifania Castro of the Philippines, W. C. C. E. Asian Secretary, is in charge of the arrangements for the youth conclave at International Christian University August 2-6 at which 15 countries of Asia will be represented. A few visitors from Europe, England and America will be added to this conference to a maximum total participation of about thirty-five.

Delegates from Burma, Ceylon, Taiwan, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaya, Okinawa, Pakistan, Philippines, Borneo, Thailand and Viet-nam and a staff of eight persons will deliberate on methods of giving the Christian youth movement in Asia a forward thrust in the coming months and years.

EAST ASIA CHRISTIAN LITERATURE CONFERENCE

The young Rev. Norimichi Ebizawa of the Japan Literature Committee is the organizing secretary for this meeting which will bring together leaders from 13 Asian countries and North America. The four main topics of the conference are: 1) How to make Christian Literature more effective in East Asia, 2) Writing and editing of literature for children, young people and women, 3) Review and relate the findings and recommendations of the Singapore Literature Conference, 1951, and 4) Examine the possible relationship between EACC and the Literature Commissions in East Asia countries.

Each participating country is allotted 3 official delegates who will be writers, literature secretaries in the NCC's and resource personnel. Also attending will be observers and officers of associated groups.

Dr. Floyd Shacklock, formerly associated with the Christian Literature Commission of the Japan National Christian Council, will be present for this conference in a leadership capacity.

STATISTICS

The Activity News will print statistics from time to time as they become available relative to various phases of Christian work in Japan. In this issue we present statistics on Christian Schools, Social Work--1958 and Missionaries Classified by Type of Work. A word of explanation is needed to understand the missionary classification: wives are included in these statistics which will explain why women are the more numerous in each phase of work. We are indebted to the Interboard Bulletin, June, 1958 for these charts and figures.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Total number of schools related to The Education Association of Christian Schools	76
Schools related to Member Boards of IBC.....	32
Total number of students.....	139,783
Total IBC Maintenance aid to Christian schools (1958).....	\$270,860.15
Number of teachers in Christian schools.....	7,766
Number of Christian Teachers.....	3,973 (51%)

SOCIAL WORK - 1958

Total number of institutions related to the League of Christian Social Work Institutions	53
Total number of projects conducted by member organizations.....	116
Children's Homes.....	28
Nursery Schools.....	28
Medical Work.....	16
Settlement Work.....	8
Home for Mothers & Children.....	8
Baby's Home.....	7
Old People's Home.....	5
Health Service for Maternity & Children	5
Miscellaneous.....	11
Number of workers.....	2,052
Christians.....	957 46.6%
Non-Christians.....	1,095 53.4%
Total number of people receiving services in 1957.....	3,589,479
Total Operating Budgets of Social Work Institutions.....	\$1,458,212.69
Aid received in relation to Operating Budgets from IBC (1958).....	53,420.50
Designated Christian Gifts.....	1.2%
Community Chest Allotment.....	1.7%
Government Allowances.....	58.9%
Miscellaneous.....	36.6%

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MISSIONARIES CLASSIFIED BY TYPE OF WORK

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
Educational.....	186	54	132
Evangelistic.....	139	56	83
Social-Evangelistic.....	18	4	14
Administrative.....	17	8	9
Language Students.....	27	11	16
Special.....	1		1
Retired (Living on Field)....	4	1	3
ICU.....	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
TOTAL.....	402	139	263

